Government and then to return them after pre-audit to them for encashment and disbursement of the amount to the gratuitants. This system necessarily causes delay in payment and the retired officers have often to wait long before receiving the gratuity sanctioned to them. The Comptroller has, therefore, the honor to state that in future payment of gratuity will be made not upon pre-audited bills, but on letters of authority for payment, issued by this office to Treasuries.

Immediately on receipt of the Order of Government sanctioning a gratuity, a letter of authority to pay will be issued by this office to the Treasury concerned. No intimation of the issue of such letters of authority to pay will be given by this office to Heads of Offices. As under clause *b*, of Article 486, Mysore Service Regulations, the Government forwards a copy of the order to the officer, who has submitted the gratuity application, who immediately on receipt of the Government order will communicate the sanction to the gratuitant by furnishing him with a copy of the said order and direct him to apply in person to the Treasury at which payment of the gratuity is desired with the copy of the order thus furnished to him. The Treasury will be furnished by this office, along with the letter of authority, with particulars of the gratuitant for the purpose of identifying the person, who claims payment of the gratuity. On the identification being established, and on the gratuitant producing the copy of the Government Order, payment shall be made to him, or, if the gratuitant is dead at the time of payment, upon the receipt of the person legally entitled to receive the gratuity. The voucher on which payment is made should specify distinctly, the name of the gratuitant, the designation of the last appointment held by him, and the number and date of the Government Order sanctioning the gratuity. Printed forms of voucher for the purpose will be supplied by the Superintendent of Stationery, on Indent. Gratuities will not hereafter be paid to, or upon the receipt of the Heads of Offices or Department in which the gratuitants formerly served, and the submission by these officers of gratuity bills for pre-audit to this office will therefore be discontinued.

H. EAGLES, *Offg. Comptroller.*

COORG FOREST DEPARTMENT.

EBONY SALES.

Notice dated Mercara, 3rd December 1903.

Tenders will be accepted up to the 15th February 1904 for five lots rough dressed Ebony logs aggregating about 1,200 c. ft. (more or less) now lying at Baliapatam, Malabar District; details of the logs may be obtained on application to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Coorg, Mercara.

Every tender must be accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 100 in currency notes as earnest money; in default of which no tender will be accepted. Covers containing tenders should be addressed to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Coorg, Mercara, and duly insured, registered and superscribed "Tender for Ebony."

All tenders received will be opened on the 15th February 1904, and any which arrive after that date will be returned unopened to the Post Office.

Every tender must formulate its bids for each separate lot in the detail statement aforesaid. *No offers per cubic foot, or for one or more specified logs or lump sum bids for two or more lots, or for the whole, will be considered.*

The Deputy Conservator of Forests does not bind himself to accept the highest or any tender. Acceptance will be communicated to the successful tenderer and the earnest money of others will be returned on production of stamped receipts.

A successful tenderer shall remit into the Treasury, through letters of advice which will be supplied to him within 7 days of the acceptance of the tender, a 10 per cent deposit on the value of his purchase; and also the balance (after deduction of earnest money) within 30 days from the date of acceptance. In default of either, the tender may be cancelled, the earnest money forfeited, and a re-sale held at the risk of the defaulter.

Timber which is sold remains from the date of acceptance at the risk of the purchaser, but no removals will be allowed until the payment of the full value.

Re-measurement but not re-dressing of logs is allowed to purchasers, but the Deputy Conservator of Forests will not accept any differences thus brought to notice after removal, or in any case unless the same is proved to his satisfaction. Any accepted differences whether in excess or deficit shall be adjusted by proportional payments or deductions.

For detail lists or particulars applications may be made to the undersigned.

C. MCCARTHY, *Dy. Conservator of Forests, Coorg.*

FOREST DEPARTMENT.

Notification dated 4th January 1904.

It is hereby notified under clause (*a*) of Section 24 of the Mysore Forest Regulation of 1900, that the undermentioned State Forests and plantations in the Bangalore District are placed under fire-protection. They are closed against hunting, shooting and gaming from the 15th January to 31st May 1904. No person shall enter them except along recognised rights of way without the permission of the Conservator of Forests or a Forest Officer duly authorized by him in that behalf. Trespassers render themselves liable to prosecution.

No.	Name of forest or plantation.	Name of Taluk.
1	Bilikal State Forest	Kankanhalli Taluk.
2	Muggur do	Do
3	Chilandadi do	Do
4	Kabbaldrug do	Do
5	Banantamari do	Do
6	Basavanabetta do	Malvalli Taluk.
7	Tenginakal do	Channapatna Taluk.
8	Makli do	Do
9	Doddamannugudde do	Do
10	Chickmannugudde do	Do
11	Handigondi do	Do
12	Hultar do	Do
13	Kumbalgod do	Do
14	Savandurga do	Magadi Taluk.
15	Hulkaddi do	Dodballapur Taluk.
16	Ujjani do	Do
17	Maklidurg do	Do
18	Ragihalli do	Anekal Taluk.
19	Nijagal do	Nelamangala Taluk.
20	Mudgere Plantation	Channapatna Taluk.
21	Gandragulipura do	Dodballapur Taluk.
22	Junsandra do	Do
23	Govindapura do	Nelamangala Taluk.
24	Kallupalya do	Do
25	Jakkasandra do	Do
26	Krishnarajapura do	Do
27	Mavinakomanhalli do .	Do
28	Kenchanapura do	Do
29	Ballagere do	Do
30	Malhohalli do	Do
31	Gantiganahalli and Jakkur do	Bangalore Taluk.
32	Bettahalli do	Do
33	Kodagihalli do.	Do
34	Jarakabande (A and B) do	Do
35	Butts Hebbal do	Do
36	Kenchanahalli do	Do
37	Mallathahalli do	Do
38	Nagarabhavi do	Do
39	Sulkere do	Do
40	Peenya and Jalahalli do	Do
41	Gollahalli do	Hoskote Taluk.
42	Appasandra do	Do
43	Jadagenhalli (old and new) do	Do
44	Nelal (A, B and C) do	Do
45	Kadagodi do	Do
46	Tatnur do	Do
47	Tindal do	Do

T. ABDUL KARIM,
Dy. Conservator of Forests, Bangalore Dt.

Notice dated 6th January 1904.

The attention of the public is invited to the notice of sale of timber in Mysore Woodyard and Nanjangud Depôt, published at page 36, Part II of the *Mysore Gazette*, dated 14th January 1904.

C. APPAIYA, *Dt. Forest Officer, Mysore Dt.*